This document provides the framework for what questions the Commonwealth must answer with respect to each of the National Priorities. Within state government there are one or more leads for each area. This documents provides the National Priorities and the contact person/lead for each.

National Priority 1: Implement National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the National Response Framework (NRF)	State Lead(s)
Associated Factor: NIMS/NIMSCAST o Describe what the State has done to support implementation of NIMS and NIMCAST. o Provide any contextual information to support the NIMCAST worksheet referenced in the Compliance section.	**Ken Clark - VDEM**

National Priority 2: Enhanced Regional Collaboration	Subject Matter Experts
Please note: The questions in this section are based on questions in the Monitoring Report. States should leverage their Monitoring Report responses when developing responses for the National Priority 2 Current Capabilities section. **Associated Factor: Inter-State Regional Collaboration** o Describe inter-state regional collaboration, including formalized inter-state mutual aid agreements. **Associated Factor: Intra-State Regional Collaboration** o Describe intra-state regional collaboration, including governance structures, committees, and partnerships; regional coordination of expenditures; formalized mutual aid agreements; and exercises testing mutual aid agreements.	**Ted Costin - VDEM** **Gordon Barwell - VDEM** **Hampton Hart - VDEM**

National Priority 3: Implement the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP)	Subject Matter Experts
Associated Factor: Critical Infrastructure Protection Program o In accordance with the risk management framework (RMF) identified in the NIPP and benchmarks identified in the FY 2006 and 2007 HSGP Grant Guidance, does the State have a critical infrastructure and key resource (CI/KR) protection program as a component of their overarching homeland security program? If so, please describe how the program supports the RMF identified in the NIPP according to the following six areas of the RMF. – **Set Security Goals.** How has the program been structured to define specific outcomes, conditions, end points, or performance targets that collectively constitute an effective protective posture? Please include	**Constance McGeorge - OCP** **Mike McAllister – VDOT**

any information about the program's governance structure, participating entities/stakeholders, advisory groups, or other partnerships at the Federal, State, and local levels, and public/private sector outreach activities.

- **Identify Assets, Systems, Networks, and Functions.** Describe how the program conducts an inventory of the assets, systems, and networks, including any Information Technology (IT) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools, databases, and/or systems that support the collection, storage, and/or management of this information.
- **Assess Risks.** Describe how the program determines and/or assesses risk, as a function of consequences, vulnerabilities, and threats. Please include information on the processes, tools, and/or methodologies used to conduct risk assessments, or any partnerships that support these efforts (i.e., fusion centers and PSAs).
- **Prioritize.** Describe what processes, programs, and/or tools are leveraged by the program to aggregate and analyze risk assessment results, establish priorities based on risk, and determine protection and business continuity initiatives that provide the greatest mitigation of risk.
- **Implement Protective Programs.** Describe how the program reduces and/or manages identified risks through the implementation of protective programs. Please include how the program identifies and obtains resources (both Federal and non-Federal) to address priorities and how the protective programs are coordinated with other Federal, State, and local partners (i.e., Fusion Centers, PSAs, RTSWGs, AMSCs, etc).
- **Measure Effectiveness.** How does the program use metrics and other evaluation procedures to measure progress and assess the effectiveness of the CI/KR protection efforts in improving protection, managing risk, and increasing resiliency?

o Describe what the State has done to pursue PCII accreditation to enable State government and attending local government agencies to access PCII. Accreditation activities may include signing an MOA with DHS, appointing a PCII Officer, training potential and current PCII users, and implementing a self-inspection.

National Priority 4: Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration	Subject Matter Experts
Associated Capability: Intelligence and Information Sharing and Dissemination o Describe where your State is with establishing a fusion process/center to gather, analyze, disseminate, and use terrorism information, homeland security information, and law enforcement information relating to terrorism. o Discuss how does this statewide fusion process/center supports the implementation of the Global Justice / Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) Fusion Center Guidelines, the Information Sharing Environment Implementation Plan prepared by the Program Manager, and the Information Sharing Environment (November 2006).	**Lee Miller – VSP** **Sam Hoffman – DCJS** **Fred Vincent - VDEM**

o Describe the baseline level of capability for the statewide fusion center as defined by the Fusion Capability Planning Tool located at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/grants_hsgp.htm. o Describe how your statewide fusion process/center accesses the DHS Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), DOJ Law Enforcement Information Sharing Program, FBI JTTFs and FIGs, and ATACs. o Discuss the statewide fusion process/center in terms of supporting achievement of tasks associated with each of the four fusion related target capability levels (Information Gathering and Recognition of Indicators and Warnings, Intelligence Analysis and Production, Intelligence/Information Sharing and Dissemination, and Law Enforcement Investigation and Operations). **Associated Capability: Counter-Terror Investigations and Law Enforcement** *Reference the Target Capabilities List when describing your current level of capability. Specifically, consider the following information for the capability: Capability Description, Outcomes, Critical Tasks, and Performance Measures and Objectives.*	
National Priority 5: Strengthen Communications Capabilities	**Subject Matter Experts**
Associated Capability: Communications Capability o Address current capabilities for interoperable communications, the target capabilities identified in the SCIP, and the migration plan to achieve those target capabilities. Indicate the desired end-point in each of the SAFECOM Continuum lanes and its percent of achievement toward those end-points. Specify the intended use of PSIC, HSGP, and ICTAP assistance. **Associated Capability: Emergency Public Information and Warning** o *Reference the Target Capabilities List when describing your current level of capability. Specifically, consider the following information for the capability: Capability Description, Outcomes, Critical Tasks, and Performance Measures and Objectives.*	**Constance McGeorge – OCP** **Chris McIntosh – VDEM** **Bob Spieldenner & Michael Nelson - VDEM**

National Priority 6: Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response, and Decontamination	**Subject Matter Experts**

Associated Capability: CBRNE Detection
o What State and local preventative radiological and nuclear detection programs are planned or currently deployed within your State? This can include:
    – Maritime Programs
    – Commercial Vehicle Inspection
    – Special Event Screening
    – Routine Patrol Monitoring
    – Choke Point Portal Monitoring
o What resources are planned or currently located in your State for
	Brett Burdick & Greg Britt – VDEM

technical support in identifying radiological and nuclear materials as a part of detection operations? ○ Do you have relationships with any Department of Energy laboratories to adjudicate radiation alarms? **Associated Capability: Explosive Device Response Operations** *Reference the Target Capabilities List when describing your current level of capability. Specifically, consider the following information for the capability: Capability Description, Outcomes, Critical Tasks, and Performance Measures and Objectives.* **Associated Capability: WMD/Hazardous Materials Response and Decontamination** *Reference the Target Capabilities List when describing your current level of capability. Specifically, consider the following information for the capability: Capability Description, Outcomes, Critical Tasks, and Performance Measures and Objectives.*	

National Priority 7: Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis	**Subject Matter Experts**
Associated Capability: Mass Prophylaxis ○ Describe your Mass Prophylaxis plans for the general distribution of mass prophylaxis and distribution sites. As of today, what can you mass prophylaxis against without the help of Strategic National Stockpiles? **Associated Capability: Medical Surge** ○ Describe how you strengthened your Medical Surge capabilities, including a discussion of surge staff identified and whether or not they have been trained on either Mass Prophylaxis stockpiles or medical surge events. Describe accomplishments in this capability referencing any exercises that have been conducted since 2003.	**Bob Mauskapf – VDH**

National Priority 8: Strengthen Planning and Citizen Preparedness Capabilities	**Subject Matter Experts**
Please Note: The questions in this section are based on the capabilities under the newly established Priority 8, which responds to the needs identified in the Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned report and the findings of the 2005 Nationwide Plan Review. Responses submitted as part of the Priority 8 response will aid in updating information collected during the 2005 Nationwide Plan Review and will guide future planning activities. Responses to all questions and prompts in this section are required. **Associated Capability: Planning** *The planning capability ensures the ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and other emergencies. The planning process and the resultant plans incorporate an accurate hazard analysis and risk assessment, and coordinate agreements in*	**Ted Costin & Brittany Schaal – VDEM**

support of plans. Specifically, jurisdictions should develop and maintain plans for Homeland Security preparedness including strategic plans, emergency operations plans, recovery plans, mitigation plans, and continuity plans. Additionally, jurisdictions must develop and execute mutual aid assistance agreements. Finally, there must be trained and equipped planners available to execute the planning requirements. With these expectations in mind, States should consider the following issues and possible impediments to success when assessing current levels of capability: ° Are the plans adequate? [*Note: A plan is considered adequate when it complies with applicable guidance, the planning assumptions are valid, and the concept of operations identifies and addresses critical tasks effectively.*] ° Are the plans feasible? [*Note: A plan is considered feasible if critical tasks can be accomplished with resources available internally or through mutual aid, immediate needs for additional resources through non-governmental, State and/or Federal assistance are identified in detail and coordinated in advance, and procedures describe how to integrate and employ resources from all potential sources.*] ° Are the plans acceptable? [*Note: A plan is considered acceptable if it can meet the requirements of a large-scale or catastrophic event, if it can be implemented within costs and timeframes that senior officials and the public can support, and it is consistent with the law.*]	**Curtis Brown - OCP**
Associated Factor: Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government Evaluate existing formal plans. The discussion should include how the State supports: ° COOP Program Management Roles and Responsibilities ° Essential Functions and Supporting Dependencies ° Supporting Personnel, Vital Records, Equipment, Supplies, and Vendors ° COOP Employee Roster ° Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment ° Orders of Succession ° Delegation of Authority ° Alternate Facilities ° Interoperable Communications ° Devolution of Direction and Control ° Vital Records	**Ted Costin & Brittany Schaal – VDEM** **Curtis Brown - OCP**
Associated Capability: Citizen Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place Evaluate existing formal plans. The discussion should include how the State supports: ° Formally identified high-hazard areas with a greater likelihood of mass evacuation ° Designated primary and alternate evacuation routes for major Urban Areas ° Formal time periods for implementing mass evacuation plans ° Mass care facilities designated in relation to evacuation routes ° Designated public transportation resources ° Schedule of planned exercises to test mass evacuation plans, to include the participation of the public and the media	**Tricia Snead – DSS** **Ted Costin – VDEM**

- ° To include timely and effective public alerts and warning
- ° To provide targeted support for populations that may be unable or unwilling to take independent effective protective action without additional assistance
- ° Actions being taken to ensure that evacuation planning is mutually supportive among contiguous jurisdictions and States, uses all available transportation modes (ground, rail, air, and sea) and resources, identifies routes of egress/ingress, and identifies destinations and shelter options for displacement populations

Associated Capability: Mass Care (Sheltering, Feeding, and Related Services)

Evaluate existing formal plans. The discussion should include how the State supports:

- ° Addresses animal care and control including proper identification, evacuation, and sheltering
- ° Thoroughly describes conditions under which mass care services will be provided and methods to activate and manage facilities
- ° Thoroughly describes procedures for reporting the number of people staying at facilities, status of supplies, conditions at facilities and requests for specific types of support
- ° Thoroughly outlines processes to maintain a patient tracking system
- ° Describes procedures for licensing of out-of-State medical personnel to facilitate their rapid employment to the extent permitted under law
- ° Clearly provides for the collection, identification and care of human remains, determining the cause of death, inventorying personal effects and locating/notifying next of kin

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Associated Capability: Critical Resource Logistics and Distribution

Evaluate existing formal plans. The discussion should include how the State supports:

- ° Thoroughly describes the means, organization and processes by which a jurisdiction will find, obtain, and distribute resources (including governmental and non-governmental goods and services) to satisfy generated needs, to include pre-incident analysis of resource priorities based on hazard analysis.
- ° Capability to identify, inventory, dispatch, mobilize, transport, recover, and demobilize and to accurately track and record available human and material critical resources throughout all incident management phases. Critical resources are those necessary to preserve life, property, safety, and security.
- ° Capability to effectively coordinate and manage the use of affiliated and unaffiliated volunteers and donations in support of domestic incident management.

Kenny Hayes – VDEM

Associated Capability: Community Preparedness and Participation

Please note: As a common capability, elements of this capability are also included in the above listed questions and prompts.

As you discuss your current level for the Community Preparedness and Participation capability, please provide information on the following:

- ° The establishment of Citizen Corps Councils as a collaborative structure

and process for government and non-government entities to participate in plan development at State and local levels:	**Suzanne Simmons - Bob Spieldenner - Marc LaFountain - VDEM**

and process for government and non-government entities to participate in plan development at State and local levels:

- Does your State provide guidance for inclusion of all sectors on your State and local Councils? If so, describe the guidance. *Sectors include: emergency management, homeland security, law enforcement, fire service, medical services/public health, elected officials, the private sector (especially privately owned critical infrastructure), private non-profits, non-governmental organizations (including faith-based and community-based organizations), and populations needing additional assistance, such as: individuals with disabilities, individuals with medical conditions, and older individuals, individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds, individuals of limited English proficiency, and individuals living in poverty*
- Does your State provide guidance for the inclusion of the Citizen Corps Council in Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) for the purpose of integrating non-governmental resources? If so, describe the guidance.
- Please provide several examples of how local jurisdictions have integrated non-governmental resources, including Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), in EOPs.

° Education and training for the public in prevention, protection, response and recovery from all hazards at State and local levels:

- Does your State require local jurisdictions to provide and report their preparedness and outreach efforts? Please describe any State-level guidance on educational preparedness.
- Please provide a link to the State preparedness education and outreach web site.
- Does the State provide guidance and collect information on local jurisdictions' public alert and warning plans, including systems for alerting when there is no power? Describe any State level guidance on this topic.
- Estimate a percentage of local governments who have a plan for alerting and warning the public during an emergency.
- Estimate a percentage of local governments that provide education and training to the public, prior to an incident, on local protective actions including alerts and warning systems, local shelter plans, and evacuation plans.

° Volunteer opportunities in public safety for year round and surge operations at the local level:

- Estimate a percentage of local jurisdictions that have three or more Citizen Corps Partner Programs (i.e. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch/USAonWatch, Fire Corps, and Medical Reserve Corps)?
- Estimate a percentage of local Citizen Corps Councils that include representatives of three or more Citizen Corps Affiliates. (For a complete list of Citizen Corps Affiliates, visit http://www.citizencorps.gov/programs/affiliate.shtm.)
- Please provide anecdotal examples of how your Citizen Corps partner programs (i.e. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood

Watch/USAonWatch, Fire Corps, and Medical Reserve Corps) contribute to preparedness by participating in: planning, preparedness education and training, exercises, and response.
° General public, volunteers, and non-governmental entity participation in incident response according to plans and training at the State and local levels:
   – Please provide how State plans include coordination and management of affiliated and unaffiliated volunteers during a response.
   – Estimate the percentage of local governments with a plan for managing affiliated and unaffiliated volunteers to provide support during a response.
   – Estimate a percentage of local governments with a plan for quickly deploying non-governmental resources using stand-by contracts and MOUs.	